



**MONTANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
MEETING MINUTES – FULL BOARD  
DECEMBER 17, 2002  
Legislative Conference Call**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kim Powell RN Member, President  
Gretchen McNeely RN Member  
Sharon Dschaak LPN Member, Secretary  
Karen Pollington RN Member

Vickie Badgley LPN Member  
Steve Rice, Public Member  
Lorena Erickson Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jeanine Thomas LPN Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Barbara Swehla, RN, Executive Director  
Jill Caldwell, RN, Nursing Practice Manager  
Darcee Moe, Board Counsel  
Lisa Addington, Bureau Chief Health Care Licensing Boards  
Barb Prescott, APRN Consultant to the Board

Visitors Present:  
Margaret Morgan, Casey Blumenthal

**CONVENE**

The Board of Nursing convened on December 17, 2002 by conference call

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Kim Powell, RN Member, President at 12:05 p.m.

**QUORUM**

Kim Powell, RN Member, President declared a quorum present following roll call.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Possible Challenge to Rule Regarding Name Badge Requirement**

President Powell provided an overview of the ongoing name badge issue. Steve Rice, Public Member, indicated that Gary Mathews, a legislator from Miles City, was considering sponsoring such a bill.

Kim Powell, RN Member and President, moved that "the board send a letter to Gary Matthews".

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**BON Bill: Removal of "for compensation" language from the definitions of the practice of nursing; define unlicensed practice; add charge role of LPNs in correctional facilities**

President Powell summarized the proposed bill, indicated that Senator Carolyn Squires, also an LPN, is sponsoring the bill. The board asked that the Executive Director provide Sen. Squires with information regarding the Parish Nurse group in the state, since they are reportedly going to support this bill and they perform these functions as volunteers (already allowed in exemptions). We will ask for letters of support from Corrections and the Parish Nurse group as well as MNA if possible.

**DISCUSSION ITEM****Department Housekeeping Bill: Request for 2 More RNs on Board of Nursing**

Support from the Department of Labor and Industry is inherent; possibility of request for amendment to designate one of the RNs as APRN Member. President Powell indicated that this would be consistent with most other Boards of Nursing in the U.S.

No known opposition at this point. No motion came forward.

**Medication Assistants: MHCA Legislation**

President Powell summarized the board's involvement in the process of developing this legislation. Since the sponsor, Rep. Edith Clark, and MHCA are willing to incorporate "assignment by a licensed nurse" into the language, the bill may be more acceptable than without. Concerns remain about the use of such providers in long term care.

No draft language is yet available. No motion came forward.

**Rule Challenge: Clinical Nurse Specialists – Independent Practice and Prescriptive Authority**

Barbara Swehla, Executive Director, informed the board members that word has been received indicating that such a bill is apt to come forward from Sen. Trudy Schmidt – Great Falls. No draft is available; no motion came forward. President Powell indicated a sincere hope that the CNSs will take the opportunity to have a good discussion at the January meeting of the APRN Committee.

**General Discussion**

Barbara Swehla, Executive Director, was asked to put a fact sheet together regarding the name badge requirement if needed and to contact Cynthia Gustafson about the position of the Parish Nurses on the BON Bill. Ms. Swehla and Lori Ballinger, Department Counsel, were asked to prepare some talking points related to the BON Bill for both Kevin Braun, Department Chief Legal Counsel and Senator Squires.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Kim Powell, RN Member, President

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Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, Secretary